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HONGKONG, APRIL 14TH, 1888.

THOUGH the negotiations between France and China have not been brought to a final conclusion, and it is therefore within the bounds of possibility that some hitch may occur to capsize the peace which seems so near, there is every reason to believe that the war is at an end. To-morrow has been fixed as the date for the evacuation by the French troops of Foochow and the Pescadores, and for the withdrawal of the Chinese armies from Tonquon. If these movements are quietly and punctually carried into effect, then the last doubt will be finally cleared away, and we may feel satisfied that peace between France and China is an accomplished fact. Most persons will find cause for immediate satisfaction in the cessation of the various hostilities that have for so many months now paralysed trade and worried the merchant. But this satisfaction cannot be unfeigned in the minds of those who understand the character of the Chinese Government and can realize all the significance of the success which has attended the resistance of the Pekin of French demands. The French Government were unwise to demand so large an indemnity for the Baye affair at first, but it seems to us that that demand was less foolish than its complete surrender now. It will be interesting to learn the circumstances attending the negotiations which at last appear to have had a successful issue. It will be remembered that we published a telegram from Shanghai dated the 21st March, stating that peace negotiations had been resumed with Li Hung-chang, who had memorandum of the Thrice for instructions. It is rather remarkable that the Tientsin correspondent of the N. C. Daily News, writing on the 22nd, one day later, says:—"The negotiations for peace have been rejected by Prince Ch'un. The Russian Minister proposed that China should pay half of the indemnity first demanded, or a sum of money equal to some seven and a half million taels. The Chinese Government, we believe, refused to entertain any idea of peace on these grounds." These could hardly be the negotiations referred to by our Shanghai correspondent. Upon the failure of the negotiations in which, apparently the good offices of the Russian Minister had been invoked, the Vicereyn of Chihli would seem to have once more attempted to bring about an agreement, and he was evidently aided by Sir Robert Hart, by whose suggestion, doubtless, the negotiations were transferred to Paris, where they were informally conducted with the French Government by Mr. DUNCAN CAMERON of the Imperial Maritime Customs Service, and a protocol signed on the 4th instant. A Router's telegram from Paris, dated the 5th, states that "the Chinese acceptance of the terms of peace is considered doubtful." Why it should have been considered doubtful for a moment we are at a loss to conceive. The Chinese Government were tired of the war, and would not have fought at all but for the demand for an indemnity and their determination to allow no occupation of Chinese territory. When therefore M. Ferry suddenly lowered his demands upon receipt of the news of the capture of Langson, the friends of peace in Peking used all their influence, and terms were agreed upon in seeming haste, for which China, at least will have no cause to repeat at leisure. Whether the French and foreigners generally may not find reason later on to regret this hastily patched up peace is another question which the futurists can decide. We have recorded our opinion on the subject, and find it fully endorsed by our Shanghai morning contemporary, in the following terms:—

"The Chinese will surely all cry out that the French have been beaten, and are now suing for peace; and the same story will be published all over the Empire in the Peking Gazette, under the seal of Imperial authority." The mischievous, if it prove to be such, has, however, been done, and we can only hope that it may not prove so great as past experience of the ways and character of the mandarins warrant our apprehension. It is possible that the party of progress, which is the party of peace, may retain the upper hand; and recognizing the needs of the empire and of the Central Government, will proceed with energy to the prosecution of such public works as will de-

velop the country, augment trade, and enrich the Imperial Treasury. The value of the telegraph and the necessity for the railway have both been demonstrated during the war, while the desirability of raising the revenue cannot fail to have been strongly impressed upon the Peking Authorities at a time when the obsequer is at an exceptionally low ebb. Should this be the case, there is ground for hoping that the re-establishment of peace in the Far East may be followed by a progressive movement in the Central Kingdom, of which perhaps, the construction of a railway from Tientsin to Kiukiang, on the Yangtze, and the opening of the Chinkiang river to foreign trade may be amongst the first indications.

The Russian Voluntary Institution, Macao with 300 troops on board for Vladivostock, arrived at Singapore on the 6th instant, from Odessa.

The Ocean Steam Ship Company's steamer *Devotion*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 10th inst. and is due here on or about the 16th inst.

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On the 2nd April, at

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

TO MANILA VIA AMOY.
The Spanish Steamer
"DON JUAN," will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 13th instant, at FIVE P.M.
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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship.

"LYMPHIS."

Captain Bremer, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 16th inst.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 11th April, 1885. [581]

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THE American Steamship.

"CHIN-TUNG."

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THE Steamship.

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FOR SHANGHAI.

A. ATLANTA."

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SIEGMESSEN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 6th April, 1885. [687]

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"WILLY."

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CARLOWITZ & Co., Hongkong, 12th March, 1885. [535]

FOR LONDON, DIRECT.

ALEX. MCNEIL."

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, 6th April, 1885. [633]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

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MELCHER & CO., Am. str. G. W. David—Mc-

ELIER & CO., Am. str. G. W. David—Mc-

BEDY SIMPSON, Brit. br. Brown—Captain

BLACKADER, Brit. str. E. Haze—Russell & Co.

CHRISTIE, Ger. br. J. Wildfang—Russell & Co.

EDEN, Brit. br. John Nairn—Jardine, Mathewson & Co.

JAPAN, Brit. str. T. S. Gardner—David

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

MAIL EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

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STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer "Shikoku" left Singapore on the 7th, and is due here on or about the 14th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer "Decatur," left Singapore on the 10th, and is due here on or about the 16th inst.

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E. F. FOSTER, Agent, Hongkong, 8th April, 1885. [683]

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NOON.—Money Order Office closed.

2 P.M.—Registration of Letters ceases.

3 P.M.—Mail-boxes closed, except for Late Letters.

3 P.M.—Letters may be posted by late fee of 10 cents when the Post Office closes entirely.

3 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

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The British Contract Packet "Invadrouy" will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 14th April, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmab, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

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5 P.M.—Money Order Office closed. Post Office open, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

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